

# WELCOME to ELC MT. HOREB



**OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE** We will continue to stream worship services at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday on Facebook, YouTube, and the website [www.elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/](http://www.elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/) See page 3 for January's schedule.

**OFFICE HOURS** Our building is closed until further notice, but the church office will be staffed every morning from 9am to noon. Phone messages may be left at 437-5012.

## ELC'S STAFF

**Pastor John Twiton**

**Pastoral Intern:** Tamara Siburg

**Accompanists:** Carol Engstad, Ruth Heinecke, Barb Underwood

**Agape Preschool Director:** Amy Kellesvig

**Bell Choir Director:** Kristin Willcutt

**Custodian:** Brian Johnson

**Junior Choir Director:** Barb Underwood

**Music team leader:** Pat Doty

**Office Assistant:** Carol Engstad

**Office Manager:** Kathy O'Donnell

**Organist/Senior Choir Director:** Diane Dangerfield

**Youth Director:** Brenda Martin

# **A Note from PASTOR JOHN**

## **Another season**

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1*

The old preacher who wrote this passage so long ago tried to take the 'long view' of things, and recognized that seasons come and go with a wide variety of events throughout history. These seasons are beyond our control and not predictable. There are days I can appreciate the view of Ecclesiastes, but I'll admit my impatience and frustration as well.

We've just endured a year that took a very unexpected turn last March, and we enter this new year in hopes that it will bring a new season of hope, life and growth. I wish I could confidently say that we're already into that new season, and that before long we may return to many of the things we've missed – gathering for worship, singing together, socializing with large groups and extended families, and mostly an end to the uncertainties about the health and safety of our families and community.

But regardless of how this new year plays out, we will endure this season, and another one will begin. In the meantime, we do what the gospel calls us to do: listen to God's word, join in worship by the best means available, pray for one another, care for one another, share with those in need, and most of all, trust that the promise of God's presence, grace and forgiveness is with us in every season.

For me, I have always believed that I am called to preach and administer sacraments, but also to seek the safety and welfare of the congregation I serve. We've sought to continue the worship and work of the ministry in new ways, while avoiding unnecessary risks to the health of our members and the larger community. Unfortunately, I've seen what this virus has done to members of my extended family, colleagues in ministry, and members of the congregation. We all hope that advances in medicine and vaccines will turn the tide in coming months, but until then we remain faithful in this season of life.

God's Peace,



**WAYS OF “BEING CHURCH** While the building is closed, and we don’t gather as usual, worship continues. You can participate in online worship by joining us on Facebook on Sunday morning at 8:30am, or watch the

video later on the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb Facebook page, or on the church website at: <http://elcmthoreb.org/home/worship/sermon-archive/Worship> services are also available on YouTube at: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb

## **JANUARY SCHEDULE**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** – 10am Zoom ‘worship gathering’ with Holy Communion

- A zoom link will be emailed out that week. If you don’t receive it, please contact Pastor John at: [john.twiton@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:john.twiton@elcmthoreb.org)
- Bring your own bread and wine (or juice) to the online gathering to share communion

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** – 10am parking lot worship with Holy Communion

**January 24<sup>th</sup>** – 10am Zoom ‘worship gathering’ with Holy Communion

## **LISTEN TO SUNDAY SERVICE “LIVE” ON YOUR PHONE**

**CALL: 855 - 514 - 2017**

**CD RECORDINGS** of the services are also available. Contact the church office if you would like one mailed: 437-5012 or [elc@mhtc.net](mailto:elc@mhtc.net)

**MORNING DEVOTIONS** by Pastor John on the ELC Facebook page at 8am Monday through Saturday

**WHAT MATTERS** Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events! Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org) to be added to “What Matters.”

# PASTORAL INTERN

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you for all your contributions that made the Advent and Christmas season such a special one despite the challenging circumstances! The Christmas at ELC program was phenomenal, thank you too all you participated and watched to make it so wonderful! It was an honor to spend this special season with you all!

This month we will be starting up the **Young Adult group** over zoom. We will meet a couple Tuesday evenings each month. Let me know if you or anyone else you know are interested in joining. Email me with your interest or questions: [tsiburg@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:tsiburg@elcmthoreb.org), I will be sure to get the zoom link to you!

With the chilly January weather, let me know if you would like to set up a time for a chat about anything. We can connect over the phone or I can set up a zoom meeting so we can see each other's face. Whichever you'd prefer we can make work. Email me ([tsiburg@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:tsiburg@elcmthoreb.org)) or call/text me (360-731-2937).

With the Hope given to us through the birth of Jesus Christ and the dawning of this new year, I look forward to seeing what the next few months with you at ELC has in store for us as Church together wherever you might find yourself during these times.

God's Peace,

Intern Tamara Siburg  
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# COUNCIL NEWS



## 2021 Church *Council*

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# TREASURER'S REPORT November 2020 Financial Report

<b>GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY (\$)</b>					
	Nov 20	Nov 19	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	23,391	28,561	264,412	290,938	332,428
Transfer In	0	0	0	12,057	0
Expense	24,397	24,379	270,819	312,892	329,343
<b>Net</b>	<b>(1,006)</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>(6,407)</b>	<b>(9,897)</b>	<b>3,085</b>

Year-to-date General Fund income (48 Sundays) is 9% less than prior year (47 Sundays) and 20% less than budget. YTD expenses are 13% less than prior year, primarily due to the Jan-Jul intern vacancy, fewer staff hours, and lower Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Ministry, Youth & Family, Maintenance, Administrative, and Utilities costs; YTD expenses are 18% under budget, primarily due to free intern housing, fewer staff hours, disability insurance timing, and lower Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Ministry, Youth & Family, Maintenance, Administrative, and Utilities costs. There is \$39,972 in the cash balance from our SBA Paycheck Protection Program loan. We expect this loan to be forgiven later this year, at which time we will recognize this as income.

<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE (CAPITAL) FUND ACTIVITY (\$)</b>					
	Nov 20	Nov 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	1,156	863	9,298	7,513	7,334
Transfer In	0	0	0	0	0
Expense	2,200	0	7,084	16,482	14,667
<b>Net</b>	<b>(1,044)</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>(8,969)</b>	<b>(7,333)</b>

Year-to-date Building Maintenance Fund income is 24% more than prior year and 27% more than budget. YTD expenses (HVAC repair, tree pruning, and wall repairs) are 57% less than last year (HVAC repair, carpet runners, A/C unit replacement, sidewalk repairs, and stone repairs) and 52% less than budget.

<b>MORTGAGE REPAYMENT FUND ACTIVITY (\$); (LOAN BALANCE IS \$159,348)</b>					
	Nov 2020	Nov 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD Budget
Income	7,722	3,354	35,796	37,921	36,930
Expense	8,630	3,630	44,930	49,996	39,930
<b>Net</b>	<b>(908)</b>	<b>(276)</b>	<b>(9,134)</b>	<b>(12,075)</b>	<b>0</b>

Year-to-date Mortgage Repayment Fund income is 6% less than prior year and 10% less than budget. YTD payments are 10% less than prior year (due to extra \$10,000 principal payment last year) and 13% more than budget (due to extra \$5,000 principal payment this year). Final payment is scheduled for May 2024. The cash balance includes \$1,340 from the SBA loan for Apr/May interest. When the loan is forgiven, we will recognize this as income.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen J. Hall,  
CPA, ELCMH Treasurer

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL on ZOOM-** Join us on ZOOM, 9:00 - 9:30 am, on Sundays. We will have a break from our ZOOM times on January 3rd. We will resume our online time on January 10th.

**CONFIRMATION on ZOOM** - Our 7th & 8th graders will resume classes on ZOOM on January 6th, at 7:00 pm. We will begin our focus on the Ten Commandments.

**FUSE NIGHTS on ZOOM** - Youth, who are 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on ZOOM, Tuesdays, January 12th & 26th, at 7 pm. Chance to hang out and play some online games. (JackBox, Among Us) Invite your friends to join us.



## **LAST CHANCE FOR BUCKY BOOKS - ONLINE ONLY**

Bucky Books are still available for online orders, through our link below till mid January. Please share the link with family and friends. Books are shipped directly to your home. Books sell for \$35 each. Profits help our youth with future summer programming. Thank you for continued support. ORDER ONLINE AT: [https://www.buckybook.com/evangelical-](https://www.buckybook.com/evangelical-lutheran-church-mt-horeb)

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**THANK YOU** - As we say hello to a new year, I want to thank everyone who has helped, supported, and participated in our youth programs this past year. It has been a year of thinking very creatively on how we can support our faith journeys. I look forward to our new opportunities for 2021, and pray that we can join together in person for fellowship and learning.

Blessings and stay well,

*Brenda Martin, Youth Ministries Director*  
[brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org](mailto:brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org)

# BENEVOLENCE

## Elevating the Racial Justice Movement Through ELC

Many of the charities we raise money for each year through the Benevolence Program benefit people of color. But after the events of 2020 and the great awakening that followed, our Social Ministry Action Team has decided that we are not living up to our name if we don't address issues of race directly.

So, as you survey our 2021 lineup below, you will notice that we have reserved February -- Black History Month -- to raise funds that will enable us to facilitate racial justice programming throughout the rest of the year. Credit to committee member Amy Sinner for suggesting this emphasis, and to our ELC pastoral intern, Tamara Siburg, for guiding the ongoing effort to define which events we will sponsor. The aim to provide a pathway for not just our congregation, but the entire community, to become involved in the modern civil rights movement gaining momentum in the U.S. We hope that you will embrace this effort to promote greater awareness and understanding of the evils of racism, and to actively build a society where all God's children are truly treated as equals. Look for more details in coming weeks.

As our Social Ministry Action Team reflected on 2020, we were blown away by the generosity of our congregation. Even amid a global pandemic, and months of economic uncertainty, ELC continues to make an impact locally, regionally, and internationally.

Thank you for your amazing support of these very worthy causes.

On behalf of Benevolence,

Adam Mertz, [adammertz2@gmail.com](mailto:adammertz2@gmail.com)



## 2021 BENEVOLENCE CALENDAR

**January: Compassion International** provides educational, health and spiritual guidance to "our" kids: Vanesa, 15, in Mexico, and Simon, 8, in Tanzania.



**February:** We'll facilitate **racial justice programming** to bring a better understanding within our congregation and as an outreach to our community.

**March:** **ELC summer youth programming.** Through Vacation Bible School, Mission Week and camperships, we'll touch the lives of dozens of kids over break.

**April:** **Divine Savior** (Puerto Rico), our sister congregation in Cataño, receives financial assistance for operational needs and to support recovery efforts from Hurricane Maria.

**May:** **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** provides free food, clothing, footwear, bedding and access to social services to our neighbors in need.

**June:** **Lutheran Social Services** delivers a wide range of programs and services, including adoption, foster care, addiction treatment, senior housing, mental health, and family assistance.

**July:** **Habitat for Humanity** empowers people with limited resources to obtain safe, modern housing.

**August:** Supporting both **LUAD** and **ELCA Disaster Relief** connects us to a local and national / international strategy to help people overcome natural disasters.

**September:** Through **SABA, International**, we aid The Nest Children's Home, New Dawn Orphanage, and Bethel Outreach Children's Center in Kenya.

**October:** **Building Bridges** provides a mental health safety net for youth who have sought a residential intervention, coordinating partnerships and collaborations between families, advocates, community and residential service providers, and oversight agencies.

**November:** **Accessible local health care** through Our Lady of Hope in Madison and Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville supports people in our region who would otherwise have few or no options for assistance.

**December:** **Madison Area Jail Ministry** features 1-on-1 devotion to the spiritual needs of people who are incarcerated and the sheriffs deputies who work at the jail.

**2020 DONATION TOTALS** Customarily, we provide a running update of our Benevolence donation totals through the monthly flyers we hand out before presentations at church on the second Sunday of the month. The pandemic stalled that practice, so here is a recap of our 2020 donations. Going forward, we'll provide a look back at past months' donations in the newsletter.

**January:** Divine Savior, \$767

**February:** Compassion International, \$1,930

**March:** ELC summer youth programming, \$883

**April:** Living Water International, \$557

**May:** Mount Horeb Senior Center, \$897

**June:** Neighbors Helping Neighbors, \$1,282

**July:** Lutheran Social Services, \$827

**August:** Habitat for Humanity, \$1,012

**September:** SABA, International, \$852

**October:** Accessible local health care, \$662

**November:** Madison Area Jail Ministry, \$982

**December:** Porchlight, TBD

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**BABY CAPS MAKERS** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 26th from 9:30-11 a.m. If you are interested in Joining us, email [ruthheinecke@gmail.com](mailto:ruthheinecke@gmail.com) and she will email you the link to join the meeting. Contact her if you have completed baby caps that need to be picked up.

**ELC: VOLUNTEERS PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE CLOTHES CLOSET LATER IN THE MONTH**

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B44ACA82BA3F49-](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B44ACA82BA3F49-community)

**community** Members of ELC staff the Clothes Closet the last week in December and the entire month of January. If you might be able to help, click on the sign-up link above. Precautions like wearing masks and limiting the number of shoppers and volunteers in the facility are in place to keep both patrons and workers safe. If you would like more info, call or email Kate Hook ([katehook63@gmail.com](mailto:katehook63@gmail.com) or 608-327-9944)

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** is so grateful to all our partners that continue to stand with us through the evolution of the **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**. Hundreds of thousands of donors and blood drive hosts have responded to the call to support the lifesaving mission and we can't thank you enough! Your commitment to host a blood drive with the Red Cross truly made a difference! Your drive registered 46 total donors, **45** collected pints of blood, 32 whole blood and 14 power reds. Your drive could help up to 135 people. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

**THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC** Dear Friends at Evangelical Lutheran Church, "Your donation of \$298.04 (1/2 October Benevolence) helps to support our mission to provide basic health care for those who cannot afford or access medical services in Iowa county and the surrounding areas. The community clinic is a community effort, and we depend on generous individuals and organizations to continue our work."

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Ginger Quaderer (Diane Mueller's cousin), Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg), Allen Olson (father of Ingrid Frank), Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson), Delores Bryant, GlennThronson, Makenzee Smith, Nick Sydow (friend of Connie Curran's sons), Brock Howe, Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher), Mary Krantz, Jeannie U'Ren, Ruth Ann Nemet, Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother), Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl), Irene Brufflat, Laurie Duden (Brenda Martin's aunt), Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower), Bill Steinhauer, Harlan Oimoen, Peter Toniazzo, Grace Aavang, Shirley Thompson, Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith)

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** our partner congregation **IGLESIA EVANGÉLICA LUTERANA DIVINO SALVADOR** (Divine Savior Lutheran Church) in Cataño, P.R

**IT IS WITH SADNESS** that we announce the death of **Pastor Bill Redman** on December 18. Bill served as senior pastor at ELC from 1974 until 1995. If you would like to send condolences to Phyllis, her address is 301 S. Yellowstone Dr. Apt. 206, Madison, WI 53705-4378

**OUR SYMPATHIES & PRAYERS** are also with:

- ✝ The family & friends of Bernadine Johnson who passed away on December 10.
- ✝ The family & friends of David Chellevold who passed away on December 15.

**MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY of**

- ✝ **Ruth Osterholz** for **Technology** from Vern & Betty Drape
- ✝ **Lyle Opsal** for **Unspecified Memorials** from Jeff & Robin Paske
- ✝ **Martha Hartman** for **Unspecified Memorials** from Benjamin Blake
- ✝ **Allan (Skip) Greve** for the **Mortgage Fund** from Ann & Dave Baumgartner and for **Unspecified Memorials** from Sharon Collins
- ✝ **Dorothy Jelle** for **Unspecified Memorials** from Brenna & Joel Siebold and Michael & Katherine Karczewski
- ✝ **Bill Redman** for **Unspecified Memorials** from Steve & Diane Mueller and Ron & Mary Jo Brinkman





# JANUARY

## Birthdays

<b>1</b>	Pat Boettcher	<b>12</b>	Mae Jean Zelle	<b>23</b>	Alexa Vesely
	Jayne Martinson	<b>13</b>	Devin Kahl	<b>24</b>	Samantha Bower
	Debby Schneider		Kim Kelliher		Morgan Monroe
<b>3</b>	Jim Iverson		Breanna Nesheim	<b>25</b>	Sarah Brothers
	James Morey	<b>14</b>	Steve Hall		Kelly Doty
	Michael Powell		Pamela Larson		Robin Paske
<b>4</b>	Sandra Cannon		Kathy O'Donnell		Aaron Schmidt
	Zach Klassy	<b>15</b>	Skylaar Killinger	<b>26</b>	Larry Jenkins
	Louis Thomas		Christine Rinabarger		LeAnn Klaetsch
	Peter Toniazzo		Betty Rosenbaum		Stacy Kreul
<b>5</b>	Amanda Field	<b>16</b>	Helen Kahl	<b>27</b>	Tim Anderson
	Ross Nesheim		Renee Littel		Megan Ferrell
	Matthew Nielsen		Bob Schiefelbein		Gabriel Guenther
	Colin Schulz	<b>17</b>	Nancy Breed		Hadley Kahl
	Amber Schulz		John Rosenbaum		Graham Schloesser
<b>6</b>	Kaylie Appleby	<b>18</b>	Jaclyn Errthum	<b>28</b>	Kari Hustad
	Gordy Kahl		Erik Iverson		Michael Miller
	Ethan Wittman		Ashley Segebrecht		David Powell
<b>7</b>	Grace Hanson		Kevin Thorsen		Owen Rothamer
	Andrew Knudson	<b>19</b>	Ingrid Malin	<b>29</b>	Valerie Fischer
	Kristina Nielsen		Cord Spellman		Rodney Fisher
<b>8</b>	Daniel Edwards	<b>20</b>	Beverly Jewell		Logan Heiting
	Ken Schulenberg		Ann McCue	<b>30</b>	Irene Field
<b>9</b>	Leah Gaulke		Conner McCue		Kristine Aeschlimann
	Stacy LaBorde		Evelyn Rameker	<b>31</b>	Theresa Bender
<b>10</b>	Lydia Martin		Karen Stamn		Deb Dangerfield
	Amy Mertz	<b>21</b>	Paul Heinecke		Jenafer Festge
	Matt Racklin		Ethan Sutter		Tim Killinger
	Ethan Stange		Kristin Willcutt		Jeff Rasmussen
<b>11</b>	Matt Anderson		Franklin Willcutt		Kimberly Sailor
	Patricia Ellestad	<b>22</b>	Chloe John		Allie Slocum
	Lisbeth Gibney		Diane Mueller		Sara Thompson
			Sonja Rosborough		
			Karen Tetzlaff		

**If we've missed you or a member of your family, or if we've listed your birthday incorrectly, please contact the church office.**

# Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough \_\_\_\_\_ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should \_\_\_\_\_ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, \_\_\_\_\_ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come \_\_\_\_\_ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, \_\_\_\_\_ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear \_\_\_\_\_ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it \_\_\_\_\_ .

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**Write the unscrambled proverb here:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4